

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: A Coupler
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DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

The undersigned inventor declares that:

- A. I am a citizen of the United States of America.
- B. My residence address is 9718 Avenida del Oso, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111, and my post office or mailing address is 4908 Hawkins, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109.
- C. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled A Coupler described and claimed in the attached application for a U.S. nonprovisional patent ("Application").
- D. The specification of the application is attached hereto and to the Application.
- E. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.
- F. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became or becomes available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.
- G. I hereby appoint of the following registered practitioner to prosecute the application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the

application, with full power of substitution and revocation: Ray R. Regan, Esq., Registered Patent Attorney, Registration No. 36,899. Please direct all correspondence and other communications to:

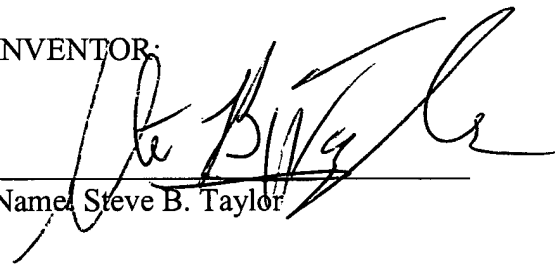
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H. I further declare that all statements made in this declaration of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

WHEREFORE, I petition the Commissioner that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and in this document.

SIGNED at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 19th day of JUNE, 2003

INVENTOR:


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